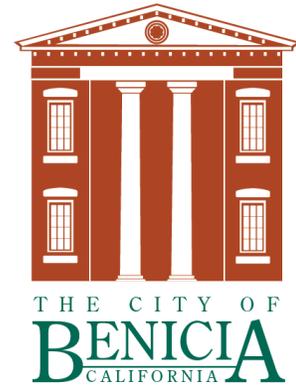


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### **TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DELAYED ACCOMMODATING PG&E RESPONSE TO CALIFORNIA FIRES**

**Benicia, CA (August 28, 2020)** — The Military West & West 7<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal Improvement Project that began in June has been significantly delayed. PG&E was scheduled to begin installation of electrical components of the project this week, but due to PG&E's response to California fires they have postponed their portion of the project. This project remains a high priority for the City and we will continue our efforts to work effectively with PG&E to complete the work as soon as possible.

The project site will be secured, curb ramps will be backfilled and compacted with aggregate base rock to make it safer for pedestrians and work will resume as soon as scheduling allows for PG&E.

The project will replace two traffic signal poles to provide protected left turn phases on Military West. The project also includes updating curb ramps to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility standards, upgrades to the traffic signal controller to improve signal timing, and high visibility striping at five crosswalks.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is one of the core federal-aid programs in the federal surface transportation act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), which was signed into law on December 4, 2015. The purpose of the HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads.

HSIP grant funds are eligible for work on any public road or publicly owned bicycle or pedestrian pathway or trail that improves the safety for its users.

Questions or comments on the project may be directed to the project engineer, Danny Urrutia at (707) 746-4374 or email [durrutia@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:durrutia@ci.benicia.ca.us).

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